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1. New American devices for the exploitation of antimony arrived from Western Germany at the end of April 1951. The machinery will greatly increase the production of this expensive ore in the mines of Zajaca.
2. A committee of engineers, which has made a thorough inspection of the Zajaca mines, has completed plans for the construction of a new flotation plant in Irasina, on the Drina River. On the basis of the committee's report, the Ministry concerned has approved the project and construction of the new plant began on 15 June 1951. The capacity of the new flotation plant will be five times greater than that of the present one.
3. At the beginning of May 1951, the preparatory work for the construction of a wire ropeway 9 kilometers long was begun. This wire ropeway will transport the ore from the mine to the plant and, according to the construction plans, it will be able to carry 300 tons of ore in 16 hours. Two workers' brigades are currently employed on the project. One of the brigades arrived on 5 May 1951 and is composed mainly of labor convicts with sentences up to 2 years of forced labor.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The Yugoslav newspaper Borka dated 25 July 1950 carried an article on the construction of a new flotation project in Dobri Potok, one of the wells in the Zajaca mines which should be completed by the end of 1950. This would increase the antimony production by 15 per cent.

Since the Zajaca mine previously had one flotation plant, and the construction of another was begun in July 1950, this will be the third such installation.

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